

Attorney Alfred Moore Waddell's speech at Opera House where he proclaimed the need to win the election at all costs – “choke the current of the Cape Fear River” with bodies of blacks

Democratic pressure on Republicans not to nominate a ticket for county office candidates; Redshirt groups intimidate local citizens (even some whippings)

27 October 1898

White labor union organized to cooperate with businessmen of the city to help secure white men to replace black workers; president was Red Shirt/Rough Rider leader Mike Dowling

28 October 1898

Massive Democratic rally and Red Shirt parade in Goldsboro, 8,000 white supremacists assembled; fears of black retaliation in defense of the right to vote an excuse for white armament

2 November 1898

Wilmington Red Shirts parade through town ending with rally and speakers in Hilton Park

5 November 1898

Waddell speaks at the Opera House again; hints of lynching Manly

Editor Thomas Clawson of the *Messenger* sends warning to the Manlys to get out of Wilmington

Blacks attempt unsuccessfully to purchase weapons locally or order them from the North for defense; only a few blacks have old Army muskets or pistols

Many white families sent away from Wilmington before election; rumors of assassination plans for Governor Daniel Russell

5 November 1898

Board of Aldermen pass an ordinance banning sale of intoxicating drinks between 11:30 PM on November 5th and 6 PM on November 10

7 November 1898

Governor Russell issues a circular informing blacks they would be allowed to vote for a state senator, the only Republican candidate running

8 November 1898

Election Day, Red Shirts intimidate black voters; most black voters stay home; irregularities at polls; Governor Russell barely escapes with life from a Red Shirt mob on his return to Raleigh after voting in Wilmington

9 November 1898

Newspapers announce Democratic victory; *Messenger* calls for meeting of all white men at the courthouse at 10 AM; 800-1000 men attend; Waddell reads "White Declaration of Independence" written by Secret Nine containing eight resolutions concerning white political domination and white labor and banning publication of the *Record* and the banishment of Manly;